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Back to School



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Link: www.educationusa.or.id
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- ♦ E|J|USA: Required Reading. An Insider's Guide to Higher Ed
Link: <http://goo.gl/QqVGYK>

FACT FOR FEATURE LABOR DAY 2014 SEPTEMBER 1

The first observance of Labor Day was likely on Sept. 5, 1882, when some 10,000 workers assembled in New York City for a parade. That celebration inspired similar events across the country, and by 1894 more than half the states were observing a “working men’s holiday” on one day or another. Later that year, with Congress passing legislation and President Grover Cleveland signing the bill on June 29, the first Monday in September was designated “Labor Day.” This national holiday is a creation of the labor movement in the late 19th century and pays tribute to the social and economic achievements of American workers.

Who Are We Celebrating?

155.6 million is the number of people 16 and over in the nation's labor force in May 2013.

Wage Workers

16.0 million is the number of wage and salary workers age 16 and over represented by a union in 2013. This group includes both union members (14.5 million) and workers who report no union affiliation but whose jobs are covered by a union contract (1.5 million).

Fastest Growing Jobs

49% is projected percentage growth from 2012 to 2022 in the number of personal care aides (580,800). Analysts expect this occupation to grow much faster than the average for all occupations. Meanwhile, the occupation expected to add more positions over this period than any other is registered nurse (526,800).

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics .

Link: <http://goo.gl/7Qe4Y2>

DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL SOCIETY

1. Michelle Bachelet: Physician, Military Strategist, Head of State. By Karen Calabria. IIP Digital Pamphlet, June 2014

Courage, commitment and circumstance propelled this physician turned politician into becoming the first woman president of Chile—and helped her to return to office four years later. Self-professed agnostic. Divorced mother of three. Amateur folksinger. Pediatrician. That’s an unlikely recipe for political success in a country as devoutly religious and socially conservative as Chile, but Michelle Bachelet has never shied away from contradictions. If anything, she has created her legacy from them. Pamphlet is available online at <http://goo.gl/eBDgVWM>

2. Ethnic Power Sharing:

Three Big Problems By Donald L. Horowitz . Journal of Democracy, April 2014

In societies severely divided by ethnicity, race, religion, language, or any other form of ascriptive affiliation, ethnic divisions make democracy difficult, because they tend to produce ethnic parties and ethnic voting. Two commonly proposed methods of amelioration are called consociational and centripetal. Three problems derive from these proposals: The first concerns the adoptability of either of the two principal prescriptions. Under what conditions can either be adopted? The second relates to a possibility inherent in centripetal regimes: the potential degradation of the electoral arrangements that sustain the interethnic coalition. The third derives from a common consequence of

the adoption of a consociational regime: Where robust guarantees, including minority vetoes, are adopted, immobilism is a strong possibility, and it may be very difficult to overcome the stasis that immobilism can produce. By examining these three problems, we can uncover some of the frailties inherent in both of the common prescriptions. Full text of the article is available at the IRC.

3. Gay Rights: Why Democracy Matters.

By Omar G. Encarnación. Journal of Democracy, July 2014

The year 2013 featured unprecedented strides for gay rights in some parts of the world, particularly in Western Europe and the Americas, but also startling setbacks elsewhere, as in Russia and some countries in Africa. Wealth and religion are the most discussed factors behind this so-called global divide on homosexuality. Less studied and therefore less understood, however, is the effect of the political regime, especially whether the country is democratic or not. Although gay rights are not found in all democracies, gay rights are virtually nonexistent in non-democracies. Among the many factors that make democracy an apparent prerequisite for gay rights are the opportunities that it provides for advocacy—including access to the courts, the party system, and the legislature—as well as a social environment that permits gay people to live their lives openly and honestly, a critical but often overlooked factor in advancing societal acceptance of homosexuality. Read more at:

<http://goo.gl/igd20s>

ECONOMIC GROWTH

4. State Dept. Facts on U.S. Engagement in 2014 ASEAN Regional Forum. U.S. Department of State Fact Sheet, August 10, 2014.

On August 10 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, Secretary of State John Kerry led the United States’ delegation to the 21st Meeting of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), an annual gathering of foreign ministers and senior officials representing 26 countries from Pakistan to the Pacific Rim, and the European Union. The ARF is the region’s main foreign minister-level forum for promoting security, and this year it addressed

pressing political and security issues including: maritime cooperation in the South China Sea and diplomatic solutions to decrease tension among claimant states; concerns over the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea’s nuclear program and human rights situation; the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza; and regional cooperation on issues ranging from cyber-security to nonproliferation to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR). Fact sheet is available at <http://goo.gl/cCU6pI>

ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

5. AI, Robotics, and the Future of Jobs. By Aaron Smith and Janna Anderson. Pew Research Internet Project, August 6, 2014.

The vast majority of respondents to the 2014 Future of the Internet canvassing anticipate that robotics and artificial intelligence will permeate wide segments of daily life by 2025, with huge implications for a range of industries such as health care, transport and logistics, customer service, and home maintenance. But even as they are largely consistent in their predictions for the evolution of technology itself, they are deeply divided on how advances in AI and robotics will impact the economic and employment picture over the next decade. Read more at <http://goo.gl/LiOYAu>

6. Bringing the Farm to Your Backyard. By Shaylyn Esposito. Smithsonian.com., July 11, 2014
Americans have been attracted to the schools, parks, yards and square footage of suburbia for

decades. Then, there are the added perks of some housing developments—community pools, fitness centers, playgrounds and tennis courts, to name a few. But the biggest draw in the future might be a communal farm. Read more: <http://goo.gl/arO9Cs>

7. Show Me Your Search Strings! By Mariann Løkse and Mona Magnussen. Online Searcher, July/August 2014.

Think of the promises web search engines make to us. Powerful search engines make sure we get the answers we need. Or think we need. Or at least something close to what we think we need. The fact that we are able to get a long results list on whatever topic we search for does something to us and our expectations of what technology can help us with. We feel confident because we managed to find an answer. Any answer. Read more at <http://goo.gl/XUOscT>

ALL ABOUT AMERICA

8. Library Linguistics. By Ian Chant. Library Journal, August 4, 2014.

More and more, libraries strive not only to be spaces for researching subjects of interest to their patrons but to offer options that let users learn new skills, whether they're physically in the library or not. One area in which mobile learning through the library is making headway is language learning. Many online lesson providers offer programs through libraries that patrons can use in the building, at home, or even while waiting in line for a cup of coffee. Read more at <http://goo.gl/yfpVMd>

9. Robin Williams: A History in 15 Jokes. By Matthew Love. Rollingstone.com, August 13, 2014.

From a pre-Mork set to a drop-in appearance on 'Set List' last year, here's a stem-to-stern sampling of what this comedian did best: crack people up. With the outpouring of grief and sadness over the startling death of Robin Williams, it's been incredibly easy to forget the white-hot spark of life that endeared this performer to audiences to begin with. This collection of bits — big and small, silly and poignant — touch on everything from his substance-enhanced blasts of the

Seventies to measured performances for big crowds in the last several years. Taken as a whole, the one-liners and epic rants remind us of the guy who gave himself to the stage and the crowd, improvising furiously while sweating like a maniac and doing absolutely anything for a laugh. Read more: <http://goo.gl/qUPLph>

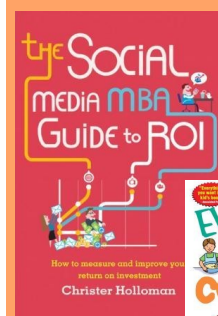
10. The Future of College? By Graeme Wood. Theatlantic.com, August 13, 2014.

On a Friday morning in April, I strapped on a headset, leaned into a microphone, and experienced what had been described to me as a type of time travel to the future of higher education. I was on the ninth floor of a building in downtown San Francisco, in a neighborhood whose streets are heavily populated with winos and vagrants, and whose buildings host hip new businesses, many of them tech start-ups. In a small room, I was flanked by a publicist and a tech manager from an educational venture called the Minerva Project, whose founder and CEO, the 39-year-old entrepreneur Ben Nelson, aims to replace (or, when he is feeling less aggressive, "reform") the modern liberal-arts college. Read more at: <http://goo.gl/Zu3c4u>

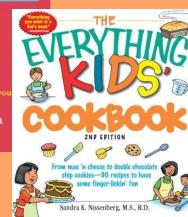
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IRC Program in September 2014

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IRC MOVIE SHOWING PROGRAMS

Check out our schedule!

Screening 1 on Wednesday, September 3
Time: 13:30; Duration: 85 minutes
Film: If You Build it (US Documentary)
Synopsis: If You Build It spends a year in the life of one of America's most innovative classrooms. Designer/activists Emily Pilloton and Matt Miller, together with their high school students, unleash the power of humanitarian design to help their struggling community in rural North Carolina.
Director: Patrick Creadon

Screening 2 on Friday, September 5
Time: 13:30 ; Duration: 92 minutes
Film: the Rocket (International Narrative)
Synopsis: A boy who is believed to bring bad luck leads his family and a couple of ragged misfits through Laos to find a new home. After a calamity-filled journey through a land scarred by war, the boy sets off to prove he's not cursed and builds a giant rocket to enter the most lucrative but dangerous competition of the year: the Rocket Festival.
Director: Kim Mordaunt

Screening 3 on Tuesday, September 9
Time: 13:30; Duration: 112 minutes
Film: Circles (International Narrative)
Synopsis: Five people are affected by a tragic heroic act. Twenty years later, all of them will have to confront the past through their own crises. Will they overcome the guilt, frustration, and the urge for revenge? Will they do the right thing, at all costs?
Director: Srdan Golubovic

Screening 4 on Thursday, September 11
Time: 13:30 ; Duration: 91 minutes
Film: Twenty Feet From Stardom (US Documentary)
Synopsis: Millions know their voices, but no one knows their names. Twenty Feet From Stardom shines a spotlight on the untold true story of the backup singers behind some of the greatest musical legends of the 21st century.
Director: Morgan Neville

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